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United States Department of Justice

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS, TEXAS 75221

January 20, 1967

Mr. Charles Batchelor
Chief of Police
City of Dallas
Municipal Building
Dallas, Texas

Re: Items of Clothing of Lee Harvey Oswald
in Possession of Dallas Police Department

Dear Chief Batchelor:

I am informed by you that the following items of clothing removed from the body of Lee Harvey Oswald at Parkland Hospital are presently in possession of the Dallas Police Department and are stored in the Crime Scene Search Evidence Room:

- One black slip-on sweater.
- One under shirt.
- One shirt.
- One pair of dark colored trousers.
- One pair of dark colored socks.
- One pair of black slip-on shoes.
- One torn piece of white paper found in right front pocket of Oswald's trousers.

Pursuant to the enactment of Public Law 89-318 (79 Stat. 1185) which became law on November 2, 1965, Acting Attorney General Ramsey Clark published a notice in the Federal Register, Volume 31, Number 212, dated Tuesday, November 1, 1966, vesting title in the United States to certain items of evidence pertaining to the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The published notice stated that the national interest requires the entire body of evidence considered by the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy to be preserved intact. The published notice includes the items of clothing of Lee Harvey Oswald set forth above. Therefore, at your earliest convenience these items should be shipped by safe carrier to the National Archives, 8th Street & Pennsylvania, Northwest, Washington, D.C.; ATTENTION: MR. Marion Johnson.

Mr. Charles Batchelor

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Thank you for your cooperation in forwarding these items to the National Archives. It was a pleasure to have the chance to visit with you on Wednesday.

My best personal regards to you and your Staff.

Very truly yours,

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